

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
Swede Point Park, Madrid, Iowa

Members present: Marilyn Jordan, Molly Ketchum, Jennifer Schieltz, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts.
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann, Blayne Sunstrom

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Ketchum, 2nd by Treloar, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of August 12, 2019 meeting by Schieltz, 2nd by Ketchum. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Treloar moved and Stotts seconded a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$14,661.85. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the Highway 30 and E-26 boat ramps, which were very degraded and undermined. They have now been re-done and will hopefully last a long time into the future. Scheuermann has been in touch with FEMA and they are recommending we configure a new MOU with the city of Boone for this project.

New Business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the work of the Boone County Trails advisory committee. There has been concern voiced from several landowners, especially along Peony Lane, and from birders and the Audubon Society about the proposed bike trail route from Boone through Ledges State Park down to the High Trestle trail. Following this, the committee is looking at alternative options to connect the trail to Ledges, and no longer considering the initial route through the northern undeveloped section of the park.

Scheuermann then told the board that the Iowa 4-H Clover Woods Camp has just been announced as up for sale. This would affect the proposed bike trail alignment. The board also discussed if the County Conservation Board would be interested in possibly purchasing (some of?) that land, and for what purpose, or if we should have conversations with the Iowa Arboretum about their plans or interest. However, there is a very short time table. Sealed bids are due by October 18 and the 4-H board will make a final decision on October 25th.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann talked about our REAP grant application for Phase 1 of the new bike trail from High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park. REAP scoring is tomorrow. He anticipates only 2 or 3 projects of 18 applicants being funded.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann presented some Swede Point Park project updates. Upgrades were made to the shop over the winter and an office was built in the shop. Madrid High School shop class students built a kiosk and storage shed for us. Blayne Sunstrom also brought up the idea of creating a dog park in the park, east of the volleyball court. He will talk to the City of Madrid

about possible grants to help fund this, since residents of Madrid will likely be the primary users of it. There is currently no dog park in Madrid. The board was in favor of this project.

Open Discussion: Ex. Dir. Scheurmann announced upcoming events – Sept 21st Dragoon Trail River Romp (we are helping with the Fraser down to highway 30 section, other groups are doing the stretches north and south of that) – Sept 28th Cookout competition at Don Williams – Sept 29 Hawk Watch on the High Trestle Trail

Blayne Sunstrom thanked the Sherriff's office for installing new lights on his patrol truck at no cost.

Schieltz moved and Stotts seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Passed.



Marilyn Jordan, Chair



Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary